

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**IMPROVED PROCESSING METHOD FOR POLYBUTADIENE
GOLF BALL CORE STOCKS**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Not applicable.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any U.S. provisional application(s):

Not applicable.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in

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the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Not Applicable

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statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: R. DENNIS NESBITT

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Docket No. P-5500-CP1-D1 PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: Box Patent Application

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of
Inventor(s): **R. Dennis Nesbitt**

For (title): **Process For Producing Polybutadiene Golf Ball Cores**

1. **Type of Application** - This new application is for a **DIVISIONAL**
2. **Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) - Relate Back** (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121)
 The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s).
 This is a Divisional of Serial No. 09/248,016 filed on February 10, 1999.
The prior Examiner: **M. Eashoo** Group Art Unit: **1732**

3. **Papers Enclosed That Are Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**
(Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

from Parent Application No. 09/248,016, filed on February 10, 1999

27 Pages of specification **5** Pages of Claims **1** Page of Abstract

8 Sheets of drawings as originally filed (Figures 1-11) **XX** informal

8 Sheets of drawings as submitted on March 13, 2001 (Figures 1-11) **XX** FORMAL

4. **Additional papers enclosed:** **Application Data Sheet**
 Preliminary Amendment **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)**
 Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98) with X Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
and **11** references as submitted in parent Application No. 09/248,016 filed Feb. 10, 1999.

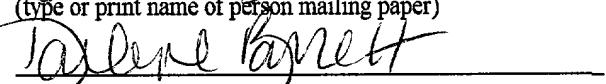
5. **Declaration or oath**

Enclosed is a copy of the duly executed Declaration as was filed in prior application serial number 09/248,016 filed on February 10, 1999.

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Diane F. Covello, Patent Counsel (Reg. No. 34,164) (413) 493-2466
Spalding Sports Worldwide, P.O. Box 901, Chicopee, Mass. 01021-0901.**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Divisional Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date APRIL 5, 2001 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number EL759963666US, addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.
 This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventors are the same.

7. Assignment

TO BE FORWARDED

assignment of the invention to **SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC.**
has been submitted previously in Reel/Frame: 9656/0992
 a copy of the assignment and recordation by the PTO from the parent case is enclosed.
 Recording assignment (See attached "RECORDATION FORM - PATENTS ONLY") (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h))

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16)

A. Regular application BEFORE or AFTER Preliminary Amendment

CLAIMS AS FILED - OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY XX			
Number filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)
			\$710.00 (10/01/00)
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	13 - 20 = 0	x \$ 18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 = 0	x \$ 80.00	0.00

Filing Fee Calculation \$ 710.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time Enclosed Basic filing fee \$ 710.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ 710.00

10. Method of Payment of Fees A triplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Charge Account No. 17-0150 in the amount of \$ 710.00

11. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 17-0150
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Respectfully submitted,

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RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET

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Dear Sir:

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying Party:

R. Dennis Nesbitt
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2. Name and Address of receiving Party:

SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC.
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3. Nature of Conveyance:

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4. If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: February 9, 1999.

A. Patent Application No. (s) B. Patent No. (s)

Additional numbers attached? _____ Yes No

5. Name and address of Party to whom correspondence concerning this document should be mailed:

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6. One patent application is involved.
7. Amount of fee enclosed or authorized to be charged:
\$ 40.00
8. Deposit Account Number (attached duplicate copy of this form if paying by Deposit Account): 06-0308.
9. The assignment shows it was signed on:
February 9, 1999.
10. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, R. Dennis Nesbitt of 70 Deer Path Lane, City of Westfield, County of Hampden, and State of Massachusetts, having invented certain new and useful improvements in:

**IMPROVED PROCESSING METHOD FOR POLYBUTADIENE
GOLF BALL CORE STOCKS**

for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, the said application having been executed by me on this 9th day of February, 1999, do hereby, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, sell, assign, and transfer unto **SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC.** a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at:

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the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries with all rights under the International Convention including the right to claim priority, and the entire and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuation-in-parts, and extensions thereof.

I, therefore, authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all Letters Patent when granted, solely to the said

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for its sole use, and that of its successors, and assigns.

Signed at Chicopee MA, on this 9th day of
February, 1999.

R. Dennis Nesbitt
R. Dennis Nesbitt

Personally appeared before me this day, the above-named **R. Dennis Nesbitt** to me personally known, who acknowledged that he signed the foregoing instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that the same is his free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal,
this 9th day of February, 1999.

Laura J. Nolan
Notary Public

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